

The following statment is approved by me,
Madeleine Fisher-Kern, and expresses my feelings
accurately:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to FORCE their
stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days
before the election is a clear example of the dangers
of media consolidation. If allowed, this corporate
manipulation of an election could very well be the
demise of fair elections in this country.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and
is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But
when large companies control the airwaves, we get
more of what's good for the bottom line and less of
what we need for our democracy. Instead of
something produced at "News Central" far away, it's
more important that we see real people from our
own communities and more substantive news about
issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen
media ownership rules, not weaken them. They
show why the license renewal process needs to
involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.